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VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

A SHRINKING PRAYER

Give me, O Lord, a heart of grace,
A voice of joy, a smiling face,
That I may show, where'er I turn,
Thy love within my soul doth burn!

Then life be sweet, and joy be dear,
Be in my mind a quiet fear;
A patient love of pain and care,
An enmity to dark despair.

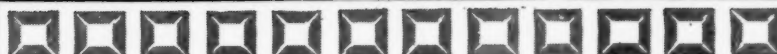
A tenderness for all that stray,
With strength to help them on their way;
A cheerfulness, a heavenly mirth,
Brightening my steps along the earth.

I ask and shrink, yet shrink and ask;
I know Thou wilt not set a task
Too hard for hands that Thou hast made,
Too hard for hands that Thou canst aid.

So let me dwell all peacefully,
Content to live, content to die;
Rejoicing now, rejoicing then,
Rejoicing evermore. Amen.

--ROSA MULHOLLAND, in *Poems with Power*.

THE GROUND OF



"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:16.

THE
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TRUEDELL

Notes From My Letters

By J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer

TELEGRAM: "Good revival beginning at Bonne Terre church. Rev. L. J. Forester pastor, Rev. Charles Conn evangelist. Sixteen saved in three nights. Great crowds. Brother Forester is a good pastor; Brother Conn, a good evangelist.—G. R. Watson, overseer of Missouri."

"Well, let me give you a little good news. We have lifted the indebtedness on the state parsonage of Arkansas three years before it would have been paid in the regular setup. Now it belongs to the Church of God with no strings on it.

"We have organized one new church this year and have another in the making. Though the war conditions make it a problem to build, we have one new church building finished to the point that they are having services in it and two others on their way up, also the finishing and improving of two or three others.—A. L. Burroughs, overseer of Arkansas."

"I have visited several districts in the last month. We have the best spirit among the ministers I have ever seen. Our district fellowship offerings are about double what they gave last year. This money is used for the upkeep and improvement of the state headquarters. The Letcher district,

Notices

The Montana state convention will convene in the Church of God in Lewistown, Montana, April 22-25. Every one is welcome to come. Your bed and one meal is free.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God. Come one and all, to hear this wonderful man of God. His inspiring messages, I am sure, will be uplifting to all. The people that heard Brother Paulk last year give him a hearty welcome back to the State of Montana.

I ask everyone to pray that the State of Montana will have a God-sent convention.

Out-of-state ministers and friends will find a hearty welcome.—Ray T. Hill, overseer of Montana.

We would be interested in hearing from Church of God people who have moved to this defense center of Milwaukee, Wis. They can reach me at the address below—Walter C. Enoch, district pastor, 2556-B N. 11th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

one among our smallest districts, gave \$39.72 January 24 in the district fellowship meeting.

"We also have had some good revivals in the state of Kentucky.—W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky."

In another letter Brother Milligan gives a report of the good district convention in Kentucky. He states that at the district rally which convened at

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VICTORY TAX

Special Notice to Clerks and Those Responsible for Reporting Victory Tax to Government

Clerks and those responsible for reporting the Victory Tax should contact the Collector of Internal Revenue in their respective states or districts so that they may secure the proper forms for making out their returns. Definite instructions as to the way the returns should be filled out are given on the forms. A return should be made out and the tax paid on or before the last day of the month following the close of each of the quarters, ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

Your banker will be able to give you the address of the Collector of Internal Revenue in your district or state. After you have secured the proper address, write for the forms, and then sometime during April make out your return and pay the tax for the quarter that has just passed. Then in July make out the return and pay the tax for the second quarter, etc.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

District Convention

Morgantown, Miss., district convention, April 24, 25, at Morgantown. C. W. Kendall, district overseer.

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Living Letters

HOW many kinds of letters can you name? After you have enumerated as many as you can—business letters, personal letters, love letters, friendly letters, sales letters, ad infinitum—add one more—"living letters."

From consideration of the text it is evident that some ministering brethren who had visited Corinth, among whom was Apollos, had brought with them "epistles of commendation." "And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him," Acts 18:27. While Paul found no fault with this practice, he argued that such was unnecessary for him when he should return to Corinth. For he states, "Ye are our epistles." To him they were a very precious epistle, written in his heart, although read and known of all men.

THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

The Corinthian church, therefore, was his recommendation. They had been begotten through his preaching of the gospel. 1 Cor. 4:15. Thus they were very near to him and the tie of affection between them was very strong. Here is the way Paul felt toward them, "Ye are in our hearts to die and live with you," 2 Cor. 7:3. What better recommendation could anyone want? Just as a physician's greatest advertisement and recommendation is the patients he has cured, so the minister's chief credentials is the work he has and is doing.

Beyond question this was true of the Corinthians. When we realize what they were before the visit of the humble Christian missionary, we marvel at the grace that wrought so radical a change. But notice what they had been: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you." 1 Cor. 6:9-11. Not very many of the Corinthians had been the elite of society, for out of Corinth very few such had accepted Paul's message and his Christ. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many

noble are called," 1 Cor. 1:26. Corinth was such a wicked city in Paul's day that in common parlance that name stood for everything low and base. Yet out of that city the marvelous transforming power of the gospel had, through the preaching of Paul, wrought wonders, and the people had been washed, sanctified and justified, 1 Cor. 6:11. Little wonder then that Paul needed no recommendation to return to Corinth. Those Christians were his testimonial.

EPISTLES OF CHRIST

They were an epistle of Christ. (V. 3.) Christ was the author of this letter, because He is the Savior, and had wrought the changes in their lives. In the world's vast libraries are the writings of sages who have left their footprints on the sands of time. By their writings they have perpetuated their memories and their influence. But a most interesting fact about Jesus, one which many have observed, is this: while He is conceded to have been the world's greatest teacher, and while multiplied volumes have been written about Him, He never wrote a book nor a poem.

"Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men. Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart," 2 Cor. 3:1-3.

How pleased the reading world would be just for a few lines of the Master's writings!

But He has written and is still writing today! To Him who flung the worlds into space and who has declared His will and purposes in the starry heavens, books and parchments would be too cramped and narrow. He writes His autobiography into lives, on the hearts of men, men like the Corinthians and like you and me.

It seems that God is not content with the writing of silent epistles, such as those which have been inspired by the Holy Spirit, and which appear in the Bible. Too few people stop to read them, so He has placed in the world "living letters." These letters move about among all classes of men, the great, the small, the average, the worthy and the undeserving—ever beheld and ever read. So anxious is He to have men know of His redeeming and preserving powers. How honored are men to receive such writings!

And surely it is an honored privilege to be such an epistle. To be so,

F. W. Lemons



the law of the Lord must be written in our hearts, and that is the work of the Divine Writer. Israel had the law on tables of stone, but unfortunately it failed to get into their hearts. Therefore it was prophesied, "I will write it in their hearts," Jer. 31:33. Sometimes there may be blots, smears and inkspots, but be sure that is not His writing, but rather our own selfish scrawlings.

LIVING LETTERS

Living letters are written by a spiritual process. "Not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God." Paul's ordinary writing was done with ink and pen, but the application of the truth he preached was effected by the Spirit of God. It is He, the Mighty Convictor, who writes the truth in burning letters into the hearts of hearers.

It is easy to read His writings. "As in nature we see the hand of God—the rose, the rainbow, the sunset—so in the redeemed, it is easy to trace the handwriting of the Spirit." It is not unusual for someone to express astonishment at the radical changes he observes in the general deportment of the redeemed. It is because they see traces of the divine nature, the indelible writings of the Spirit.

Living letters are always legible, and the most convincing, most persuasive form of God's writings. Because, as Tennyson said, "things seen are mightier than things heard."

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

"The Christian is the world's Bible." So said D. L. Moody, adding that, "In many cases a revised version is needed." Every Christian life, every living letter, tells something of its author. In his writings there is variation of style—no two exactly alike—but each one demonstrates something of the personality of Christ. It witnesses of

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Ohio and Conscientious Objectors

Ohio hospitals are using fifty-eight conscientious objectors to alleviate the manpower shortage. These are employed by the Columbus State Hospital, Cleveland State Hospital, Lima State Hospital, and Hawthornden Hospital. These are used as maintenance men. The incidental allowance is \$2.50 a month. Ohio and Michigan are so far the only two states using them.

Rampage of Beer

The *Chicago Tribune*, under date of Nov. 30, 1942, carried the following news item:

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 29 (Special)--The Schlitz Brewery diverted the 2,500,000th barrel of beer since Jan. 1 from the regular shipping line today and wheeled it into the company guest hall where it was tapped for officials and guests in honor of a record production. The total for eleven months this year exceeded that of any previous twelve months.

P.S. (1) November 29 was Sunday.

Georgia Evangel Drive

Georgia has just ended a most successful Evangel drive lasting through the month of February. Total subscriptions for the month were 2,356. Total since September first were 3,185 up to March 18. This is certainly a fine increase and is greatly appreciated. The circulation of the Evangel has now gone above 26,000. Would it be too much to ask that we make it 30,000 before the Assembly? Georgia has put their drive over in a great way. Have they done more than other states can do? Remember there is a reward of \$100 to be given to each of the states having the highest increase above 25% of their membership in groups A, B, and C.

British Warship Losses

Christian Observer reports that Lord Bruntisfield, parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty, told the House of Lords March 5 that Great Britain has lost 416 warships during the war. Lord Bruntisfield gave this breakdown of Britain's naval losses: Forty-four submarines, five capital ships, seven aircraft carriers, ninety-four destroyers, fourteen corvettes, one monitor, eight sloops, twenty-two minesweepers, one hundred fifty-six trawlers, fourteen drifters, one mine-layer, three yachts, five gunboats, and three cutters. The implication is that this is far less than has been inflicted on the enemy.

Young People on Decline in Homes of U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 30 — The number of young children in the average American family is declining.

The census bureau reported today that 1940 statistics showed nearly half the 35,100,000 families in the United States had no children under eighteen years of age, while only 15 per cent had three or more children.

"The declining number of young children in the average family is shown," the bureau said, "by the fact that 65.9 per cent of the families in 1940 had no children under ten years old, as compared with 58.8 per cent in 1930."

"Families with three or more children under ten years old represented 6.4 per cent of all families in 1940, as compared with 10.2 per cent in 1930."

Urban families generally included fewer dependent children than rural families, the report showed. Families having no children under eighteen constituted 53 per cent of the urban families, 46.5 per cent of the rural-non-farm families and 39.4 per cent of the rural farm families in 1940.

The corresponding figures for families with three or more children were 11.2 per cent, 17.2 per cent and 25.6 per cent, respectively.

Danish Church Resistance Increases

A report coming out of London states that Rev. Gunner Engberg "has served notice that his organization and other Danish youth movements will oppose the Government if injustice continues." "The Danish Y. M. C. A.," he said, "will fearlessly and enthusiastically support the conception that YES means YES, that promises must be kept, that justice must be dispensed to men and women, Jews and Scandinavians alike." "It is the Government who decides how policy must be interpreted. Will the Government tell the truth, keep promises, treat all on an equal basis, let justice and not brutal force reign?" If not, the Danish Y.M.C.A. and the entire Christian Youth Movement will lead the other youth movements in opposing the Government, and others will follow. The Government must realize that. It looks like Hitler is in for more trouble. These are days when men must and are taking a stand for Christ and His church. God will have His martyrs and antichrist will have his opposers.

Church Policy and War

Hon. Ralph A. Gamble, of New York, speaking before the House of Representatives March 4, 1943, quoted the American Council of Christian Churches as having pledged themselves on September 29 by adopting a public resolution to the extent that "The American Council of Christian Churches pledges its undying opposition to all forms of totalitarianisms, whether they be Nazis, Fascists, or Communists, and affirmed its allegiance to the principles of democratic, representative government, as expressed in the Constitution of the United States. The American Council consists of about 350,000 members. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in the United States adopted the following resolution: "We are convinced beyond any room for doubt that the external conditions will be vastly more favorable working for Christian social objectives in the event of the military success of the United Nations than in the event of their defeat * * no thoughtful Christian, therefore, can be indifferent to the outcome of the war," Mr. Gamble quoted Federal Council as saying.

May I here add that the church is "the salt of the earth" and except for this institution of power and preservation we would have nothing worthy of defending.

Cigarettes

The editor of *Moody Monthly*, writing concerning "rationing," states that, "It seems as if everything has been rationed except beer and whiskey and cigarettes. Strange how it is working out! A paragraph in a business periodical, talking about the sugar situation, says, 'Labor shortages threaten to reduce domestic production sharply.' Yet another news item says: 'Cigarette smokers received welcome tidings from the Government yesterday. With the industry's supplies of labor and materials adequate, the WPB said there was no reason for a cut in production, which reached the record total of 236,000,000,000 cigarettes in 1942.' Why in the name of common sense should there be a labor shortage in the production of sugar, and no labor shortage in the production of cigarettes? So far the only lines not adversely affected by Government restrictions seem to be the booze, beer, and cigarette interests, night clubs, and the movie industry. Pretty sorry picture for a nation which appoints a day of prayer to ask God's help in war!" I hear a whole lot of amens.

Massacre 3,000 Before Retreat

KUIBYSHEV, (JTA) — Approximately 3,000 Jews were executed by the Nazis in Kislodovsk, one of the

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SATURDAY night is the time when men and women seem to think they are licensed for noisy sports. They work hard all week and wait till Saturday night to throw their parties. The powers of evil break loose with special vim on Saturday night. The purse is bulging from the weekly pay roll and the body is weary from the irksome six days' labor just ended. God set aside the Sabbath to rectify that weariness in rest and devotion to Him, but the devil comes along on Saturday night with a substitute for that Sabbath of divine rest and displaces it with a siege of revelry, debauchery and shame. Sunday morning following is always peaceful and quiet, an ideal time to worship God and enjoy that needed rest, but the debauchery of the night before has robbed the world of those blessings and upset the divine program all around.

The Lord created the heavens and the earth in six days, and rested on the seventh. The children of Israel tended their land six years, resting on the seventh. The world stood four thousand years before Christ came, and has stood nearly two thousand years since, making almost six thousand years in all. Peter tells us that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." The same idea is expressed by Moses in the 90th Psalm: "For a thousand years in thy sight are but yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." Therefore we are now nearing the end of the sixth-thousand-year-day—the world's Saturday night. And while the world is plunging into the abyss of the on-rushing iniquities of that night, we who are saved are looking forward to that glorious Sabbath beyond.

James wrote that we would have an early and latter rain. The early rain fell in the first centuries of the Church, and we are experiencing the latter rain now. Glory to God! I feel it in my soul! He said further, "Be ye also patient, and stablish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." It is so nigh that we do not recall a single prophecy that needs to be fulfilled before that coming may take place. Not a thing could hinder His coming at any moment.

Paul said, "That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." We can look about us and see a great falling away from the faith in the great denominations of the world. He stated elsewhere that "they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts they shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears." Ninety per cent of the preachers never mention the second coming of the Lord, for to the worldly-minded it is not a popular subject to preach. Great numbers of the

The World's Saturday Night

By H. V. Fowler

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."
Rom. 13:12.

popular clergymen of today even deny the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

FALLING AWAY

There is a book recently off the press, entitled "The Belief of Seven Hundred Ministers," in which is denied the virgin birth and also the visible return of the Lord. Northwestern University took a census of the belief of 1,300 ministers and five seminaries, asking the following questions: (1) Do you believe in the virgin birth of Christ? Nineteen per cent of the ministers and forty-one per cent of the students said no. (2) Do you believe that it was necessary for the Son of God to die on the cross for the remission of sins? Twenty-four per cent of the ministers and sixty per cent of the student body gave a negative reply. (3) Do you believe in the resurrection of the body? Thirty-three per cent of the ministers and sixty-nine per cent of the student body replied that they did not. (4) Do you believe in the visible second coming of Christ and His millennial reign? Forty-nine per cent of the ministers and seventy-five per cent of the students denied both.

A QUESTION

I am wondering what those fellows are going to preach about, for they have denied the very gist of the gospel—the saving power of the blood and the redemption of the body. With such a large per cent of gross ministerial error ahead of us, the Church of the future is facing chaos. Even now, with all of our evangelistic campaigns and missionary efforts, there are two hundred million more heathens in the world than there were a hundred years ago. Yet in the face of all that, some of our preachers are placidly looking forward to a

world-wide revival to sweep in the millennium without God troubling Himself to pour out His wrath on the world in the form of the great tribulation. But our Lord said, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." What a true picture of today, when the divorce courts are grinding out divorces nearly as fast as the ministers are performing marriages! A leading newspaper in Dauville, France, stated that nudity, gambling and the wearing of costly jewelry were being displayed as never before just previous to the invasion of France by Hitler.

And think of the distress of nations now upon the earth! Never has there been a time like this when warfare so nearly encircled the globe. Our leaders know not which way to turn or what move to make. Instead of "peace on earth, good will toward men," we have violence; instead of law we have disorder; instead of stability in government we have revolution. In 1914 our beloved country waged a victorious "war to end war." But instead of war being ended, the world has twelve million more men armed today than it had then. And on top of that our geniuses are working day and night creating weapons of warfare and destruction.

ADMONITION

Let us watch for the Lord's coming lest He find us sleeping. The silly frog, which seems to know nothing but to croak out his doleful tunes, buries himself in the mud and slime of the earth to escape the howling winds and storms raging outside. So it is with the man today who deliberately ignores the signs of the times when the iniquity of the approaching world's Saturday night is so rapidly closing in about us. It is time we Christians were coming out of our sleep of lethargy and indifference, and looking for the Lord to come and take us out of the sin-besmirched world before the impending storm of that Saturday night of satanic rule breaks upon us. What are we doing about it? How many souls have we won? How many prayers have we prayed for the unsaved, and especially for the lost boys who are giving their lives for our country and our freedom? For the Lord shall come and not tarry. Let us be able to say like Paul of old, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, . . . and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing."

"Watchman, what of the night?"

PRESENT-DAY EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF HOLY PROPHECY

J. A. KETCHUM

Text: Isaiah 42:14, "*I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.*"

Truly God has long time held His peace. God dwelleth in the heavens but the earth hath He given unto the children of men.

What a failure we have made of it! Since the fall of man in the Garden, God has sat on the throne and watched men transgress His law. They would not serve Him as a whole. Throughout the conscience age He sat on the throne and held His peace. Then cometh the law which Paul tells us was added because of transgression. Then followed the dispensation of the law which Israel did not keep. They would wander on top of high hills, build little wooden gods and worship them, and vex the God of Israel and grieve His Holy Spirit. Still God held His peace and refrained Himself.

Then the time came that God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law. (Gal. 4:4, 5.) Yes, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and for thirty-three years and six months He walked the face of this earth. Three and one-half years of that time He spent ministering unto the people. He never harmed a living soul. He went about doing good, but the people said, "He is an imposter. Away with him!" They whipped Him until the blood ran down His back and congealed. They placed a crown of thorns on His head and He never returned a word.

He didn't stand that in order to get His name in the headlines of the paper, or to make a name for Himself. But we hear Isaiah's voice down through the ages telling us He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed. And remember the text. All this time God sat on the throne in glory and held

His peace and refrained Himself. Then one day after the Son of God had arisen with victory over death, hell, and the grave, He led them out to Bethany, was parted from them and ascended into heaven. But before leaving, He promised to pray the Father and He would send the good Holy Ghost to comfort the hearts of all who would receive Him. Alas, as in every other dispensation, they turn it down and mock and scoff, and for nineteen hundred years God has sat on the throne in this dispensation and watched men turn His glory into shame. (Psalm 4:2.)

And at last He is going to do something about it. We go now to Isaiah 34:1, 2, "Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken ye people: let the earth hear, and all things that come forth out of it. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter."

Brother, I want you to notice that God said *all nations*, and He had delivered them all to the slaughter. None will be spared in this conflict. We go now to Isaiah 13:11, "I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquities." Now to verse 15, "Every one that is found shall be thrust through." Verse 16, "Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes." Verse 18, "Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eyes shall not spare children." That is the difference in this war and the rest of them. Even twenty years ago, in World War I, they would move out women and children and old men, but today truly their eyes do not spare children.

We could go on and on, but space will not permit. Surely the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. We are fulfilling Joel's prophecy—beating our plowshares into swords and pruning hooks into spears. But let us look up. It will not be long until the situation will be reversed.

Bible answer. "And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus said to the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy SINS be forgiven thee." Matt. 9:2. The scribes thought Jesus was doing things He had no right to do, but He gave them to understand He had power to forgive sins while on earth. Then, if having our sins forgiven or saving us is all the Lord does for us, as many claim, and He could save without dying, why did He die the cruel death on the cross?

Again, in Luke 7, He told a woman that was a sinner heretofore, "Thy faith has saved thee; go in peace." She had made peace with her Lord. Paul tells us in Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God." You and I know when the Lord spoke peace to our hearts and saved us. Then why did He die on the cross? Again we refer you to the Bible, Heb. 13:12, 13, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." But whom did He shed His blood to sanctify? "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," Heb. 10:10. Then if the body was offered that we all might be sanctified, why don't we all get the blessing? No, he said, "Let us go forth . . . bearing the reproach." That is why a lot of people don't get sanctified, because they are afraid they will have to bear the reproach of Jesus. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels," Mark 8:38. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation . . ." Rom. 1:16. I thank God for the reproach and for the blessings. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication," 1 Thess. 4:3. "For where a testament is there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament (will) is of force after men are dead, otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth," Heb. 9:16, 17. "... lo I come to do thy will, O God . . ." Heb. 10:9. God willed us sanctification, Jesus died that we might receive the benefit of the will, therefore it is the privilege of every child of God to be sanctified.

Faith keeps the soul from being hindered about her work by doubts, by leaving no open door for doubts to come in and spending no idle moments entertaining them; doubts will never stay where they cannot be entertained.

CHRIST'S MISSION TO EARTH

J. O. DENNIS

"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost," Matt. 18:11.

Who was lost and needed to be saved?

"All we like sheep have gone astray," Isa. 53:6. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23. But we hear the angel, in announcing the birth of Christ, say, "...

he shall save his people from their sins," Matt. 1:21. Then Christ's mission was to save people from sin, and Peter tells us it is not the will of the Lord for any to perish. 2 Peter 3:9. If it is not His will for any to perish, and He came to earth to save the lost, did He save anyone or forgive their sins while He was on earth? Let the

Who Shall Be Able To Stand?

Pvt. John H. Egerton

Matt. 24:1-9.

AS Jesus sat upon the Mount of Olives one day His disciples came to Him and He began to tell them about what would come to pass in the time of the end, so they began questioning Him about how would they know when the end was nigh. He began to tell them about the signs and this is what He said, Matt. 24:4-8, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

My dear brother and sinner friend, if we are not living in days of sorrow now, I do not know why. Nations are at war, now fighting. Our country is trying to maintain its religious freedom, but, my friend, God's Word is true. These things that God said would come to pass are going to come to pass. Read in your Bibles where Jesus said many would come in His name, trying to deceive you, saying, "I am Christ." "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." Why are these things going to be? Because you didn't humble down and worship them who were trying to be gods.

May God bless you, my good friend. We need to get rooted and grounded in the truth of God. Get right down under the dripping cross where God can use us to His glory. Who is going to be able to stand? Many have gone back, saying by their actions, "The way is too hard, the cross too heavy." My God, have mercy on this nation of people. Help them to see and realize that their only hope is in the Lord and if they miss heaven they have missed it all. This world is sinking deeper and deeper every day in the claws of the devil and the end is nigh, right at the door, and yet people can't see or they do not seem to by their actions.

Over in Revelation we will read the 4th verse of the sixth chapter, where as the Lamb was opening His seals He said, "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

Sinner friend and Christian, some

of these things are happening now. The Bible is being fulfilled every day. You may say, "What are we going to do when they take peace from us and close our churches?" Peace through Jesus Christ is the surest peace, the only peace that I can tell you of or recommend to you, and you had better make peace with Him while you have a chance because there is no peace except through Him. Ever since the day of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden there has been sin in the world and where there is sin there is no peace.

We will read now the 5th and 6th verses of Revelation 6, "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; (rationing) and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine." Praise God for that statement. If we will hold on to God, He will make a way of escape. We will get by with His help.

Now, my good brother and sister, we can hardly buy anything without our rationing card and then maybe you can't get but so much and maybe not anything you want, but God said these things would come before the time of the end. What are we going to do when the mark of the beast comes? Are you going to wear his mark, for which there is no forgiveness, neither in this world nor in the world to come? You will if you are in sin because there are not many who are in sin who will be willing to give their heads for the gospel's sake. These things are coming before the end of time and who will be able to stand?

Let's wake up and not sleep too long, because harvest time is almost here. God will soon come and we surely want to be ready when He comes. The end of time is near, even at the door. No one knows except our Father, and He only, just how long, but by the signs of the time we know it can't be long.

Now as I close this short message I hope I have said some encouraging word which will help some poor soul to find Jesus. To you Evangel readers, I do ask and desire your prayers because I am having a hard battle to fight, being a soldier in the U. S. Armed Forces of our country. Pray that I will be a true soldier of the cross and try to help the lost to find Jesus. Also pray for the boys who are fighting on the battlefield, giving

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EVANGELISTS

Some of the ministers have not as yet sent their old certificates in for renewal. May we call their attention to the ruling of the General Assembly on page 125, paragraph 2, of the 1942 Minutes:

"That the ministry of those failing to renew their licenses within ninety days after date of expiration be revoked."

The date of the evangelist certificates expired December 31, 1942. If you have not had your certificate renewed yet, you should do so immediately, lest your ministry should be revoked.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.

NOTICE IN RE VICTORY TAX

Question: Should tithes be paid on the amount that is deducted from the salary for the Victory Tax?

Answer: No, since the tax is withheld from the salary and does not represent an income, you will be expected to pay tithes only on the amount of salary you receive. If and when, however, any part of the Victory Tax should be returned to you, it would then become an income and you would be expected to pay tithes on it, just as you would on any other income.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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Winchester, the cash offering for the orphans was \$355.13, an increase of about \$245 over the amount for last year, besides some merchandise. I quote further from one of his letters:

"The total mission offering from the Harlan district was \$1,245.99, an increase over last year of \$841.46. I thank Rev. A. R. Pedigo, district overseer of the Harlan district, pastors, members, and friends for making this convention a great success.

"The Middlesboro district convention convened at Middlesboro March 5-7. The mission offering was \$921.95, an increase over that of last year of \$541.65. Brother W. B. Webb is the district overseer. I believe we have the best staff of district overseers and pastors with the best unity among the ministers that I have ever seen."

their lives for our country's sake, that God will be with them in every battle and He will help them. If any of you desire to write to me my address is Med. Det. Dept., Sta. Comp. Hospital No. 2, Fort Bragg, N. C.

VITAMINIZED RELIGION

By REV. HARRY KUTZ

Text: Acts 1:8

WE HAVE all become vitamin conscious in the last year or so because of the constant use of that queer little word by the health authorities, bakeries, cereal manufacturers and many others who seek to sell us on their particular product because of the vitamin content claimed for their wares. This has all come about since the discovery of the importance the vitamin has in the human diet. The absence or presence of the minute, unseen particle so named seems to have all to do as to the good derived from the food consumed by the human body. Science has found that it is a nitrogenous substance of which a minute quantity is absolutely essential to the nourishment of men, animals and plants. It is a wonderful thing that we can get our daily quota of this essential element into our bodies simply by eating so many slices of enriched bread or a bowlful of the certain kind of cereal that is also enriched with the particular kind we may need.

There is one thing certain about the religion of the disciples of Christ prior to the occasion immediately following in detailed account in the location of our text. That is this—there was something else needed, something was lacking, something that was essential to the spiritual strength of man's religion. It is our firm conviction that what their need was and how it was bountifully supplied came in the glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Their religion became "vitaminized" in this great enrichment by the Spirit.

Do we not see a great need for an enriching, vitaminizing, power-supplying force in men's lives today? One may say we need power-filled churches. That is true, but the secret of a power-filled church lies altogether in the power-filled lives of the members of the said church. There is no such thing as a powerless church that is full of power-filled members.

THE INDISPENSABLE

One thing we must never do is to forget the role that the Holy Ghost has always had in the working of the religion of the Bible. Only a look at the lives of the disciples before Pentecost will convince us that the wonderful experience they received there transformed them from irritable, self-seeking, jealous-hearted, weak-hearted, and denying men into bold and fearless preachers of the gospel of the kingdom. Just as surely as it did this for these who were men of like passions as we are, so will it transform your life into the channel of blessing you have longed for. Men have made the terrible mistake of trying to sub-

stitute this power-giving source with every conceivable device under the sun in the name of religion. The result is seen with the dwindling of the interest as soon as the scheme comes to an end. You will note that the situation will remain as such until such a time as another one is fell upon. Oh, may we learn to give proper place to the Spirit of God!

RESULTS ASSURED

When the Holy Ghost is given proper recognition in our revival meetings, we will see the results of His wooing, seeking, searching and drawing power on the hearts of the unsaved. Too many times we depend on the sadness of the closing story of the preacher or the pleading of the song or a similar feature of the service all within itself to be sufficient to get someone to accept Christ.

These are all good but they must surely be empowered by the precious Spirit from heaven to ever avail unto the saving of souls. Too, we see some who depend on the style of the delivery of sermons by the revivalist as to whether a soul-saving campaign can or cannot be had. To some he must be active, to others he must be reserved, when really it matters none at all if only we are sure that the Holy Ghost is being given full sway in the messages. Read that again to be sure you get it.

To be properly able to give the Holy Spirit a definite, workable place in our personal lives, our churches and our revival meetings, we must first come to a realization that He is a real person, a God-person and not a mere influence of some indefinite proportions. Were it not for His abiding presence we would have no Bible, for we are told that He moved upon the prophets as they wrote. Yes, He is here in the world to own and to bless; to guide into truth; to reprove the

world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment to come. You will note that the purpose of the Holy Ghost coming upon anyone is to make of him a witness unto Christ. You will have witnessing power when He is come!

EXPERIMENTS

In various tests the scientists have proven the value of the little vitamin in diets given to animals. One would be given a diet of ordinary, vitamin-deficient foods while the other would be given a diet containing a proper amount of the vitamin. In the course of time the condition of the two specimen would show that the one having the enriched portion would be the one in better health. So it is true of the Christian, church, or the revival meeting that has been enriched with the power from on high. These will enjoy a healthy, happy spiritual life while the other person, church, or protracted meeting will soon dwindle and die for the want of spiritual nourishment. We have heard of dying of starvation in a land of plenty and that is actually what a lot of people are doing by slighting the precious Spirit of God, for He is the only one who is able to feed the sensitive, God-craving soul of man. It seems that we are not confident enough of His ability to do the work of the gospel, so we sometimes take matters into our hands that are divinely and rightly His. Oh, that we could trust in Him more to drive home the minister's message or the truth contained in the song or testimony. Surely if we will but let Him, He will take sacred truths into His bow of love and as an arrow of holy conviction drive them into the hearts of unregenerated souls. Let us believe the Spirit will attend the services, He will work with hearts, empower the songs, and enrich the message. We do not need an angel to preach or a heavenly host to do the singing. All we need today to be a success for God is to have faith in the Spirit of God that He will be a pulpit companion, a fellow-chorister, and that He will add just the right touch to the sinful heart to cause a rebirth of souls at our altars.

An Influential Sunday School

E. L. MOORE

IS ONE that brings the uninterested, the careless, don't-care kind in. Perhaps they live next door to you, but never attend, neither let their children attend. Some children are made to respond easier than others, so love and patience will work well here. Influence is energy or patience tending to produce effect. Wherever or whatever our work, our church, business, our surroundings we can influence for good or bad. Our personal influence is our powers arising from our character or station, our

life, words. Personality produces influence. Good influence is power for good; evil influence is power for evil. So attitude toward our parents, old age, neighbors or business, God and His service, will tell on us. It will tell who you are. Influence is something you can change but you cannot kill. It can be injured. Good influence draws and has power over others. It reaches out like ripples on the ocean, or like the radio around the globe, it reaches the throne and is recorded

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CONVENTIONS

Lakeland, Fla., District Sunday School Convention

The Lakeland district Sunday School convention convened at Bartow, February 14. The services began with singing that seemed to lift our souls to higher heights. Fellowship was sweet from the beginning to the end. Special singing was enjoyed, after which an inspiring sermon was delivered by Brother B. W. Watson, pastor of Plant City. Brother Jernigan, our esteemed state overseer, followed up with a very touching mission sermon. The churches responded wholeheartedly to the mission call. The sweet Holy Ghost seemed to anoint everyone who spoke. The meeting was dismissed that the natural man might be cared for. A bountiful dinner was spread. In spite of the weather being chilly, a good time in the Lord was had by all. Almost immediately after dinner everyone gathered back in church and some more good singing was enjoyed, both choir and specials. We had a wonderful testimony service, after which Brother Johnson, pastor of Ft. Meade, preached a wonderful sermon. Every church was well represented considering tire and gasoline rationing. The Lord was truly with us all day. It seemed that everyone was made to feel nearer the throne of grace. No one was in a hurry to say good-bye. Pray for us on the Lakeland district to ever be humble in the Master's service.—Thelma Glover, Bartow, Fla.

Richmond, Va., District Convention

The Richmond district convention convened March 6, 7, at the South Richmond Church of God. It opened at 7:30 p. m. with singing by the congregation. Rev. A. W. Brummett, district overseer and pastor of the church, brought the welcome address and response was given by Miss Virginia Lloyd, of Amelia. Rev. D. G. Kitchen, one of our fine young pastors, who is serving in the United States Air Corps near Richmond, brought a wonderful message. Then Rev. Charles R. Burkett brought a message. Brother Burkett is doing wonderful work in Hopewell. He and the saints have bought a good-sized house for parsonage and enough land to build a church on. Next V. W. Thomas brought a good sermon.

On Sunday morning, after the usual devotional service, Rev. John Adair brought a message, followed by Rev. R. L. Gore, of Newport News, who rendered a special sermon. Many were blessed and helped by this sermon. Then our state overseer, Rev. W. E. Johnson, brought a message. Friends, I would like to be able to

tell you about this sermon, but space won't permit. Rev. E. E. Vaught, of Norfolk, was next with a message. Brother Vaught received a beautiful brief case from the convention for having the largest mission fund. We had seventeen ministers present during the convention. Lunch was served on the church grounds. God gave us a wonderful day for the convention. Our total mission offering was \$342.14.—Charles W. Fletcher, clerk, R.F.D. 3, Box 500, Richmond, Va.

The Wilmington, N. C., District Convention

The first district convention this year in the State of North Carolina convened at the Church of God in Wilmington, March 5-7. Rev. H. L. Chesser, our good state overseer, was in charge, assisted by Rev. Ralph E. Williams, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent. The churches on the district were well represented, considering the gasoline shortage. On Friday night Brother Chesser and Rev. G. W. Messer brought the message. Special singing was rendered by the trio and others. Questions concerning the Y.P.E. and Sunday School were answered by Brother Williams, which was very instructive. This was followed by a talk by Elsie Creech. This service was indeed a blessing to all, as the presence of the Lord was with us.

On Saturday night the Lord met with us again, as Rev. Edward E. Salter and Brother Messer brought soul-inspiring messages. An altar service followed and we were all brought in closer fellowship with heaven.

The Sunday morning service was the high point of the convention. As the choir sang several good numbers the power of the Lord came down, and continued to bless our souls as special numbers were sung. Then Brother Chesser delivered a wonderful sermon. The Lord surely did put His approval on this message, and the real climax of the convention came as Brother Chesser concluded his message and extended an opportunity to every one to give in a mission offering. The people responded wonderfully with an offering of \$450. Many shouted as they gave and others gave as they shouted. It was a blessed time with all. The afternoon service was good. All the churches gave good reports, with all quotas up. Sister H. L. Chesser gave a good talk on the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band.

This was, indeed, a great convention. We, the folks at Wilmington, certainly do appreciate our good pastor, Brother V. D. Combs, and family. They have been a great blessing to

the church here, and the church is steadily progressing under his leadership.—Elsie Creech, reporter.

Wonderful District Convention

The Church of God at Sweetwater, Tex., had a wonderful district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention. The Lord blessed in a mighty way all through the convention. Our district pastor, Brother G. G. Asher, and our state superintendent, Brother Glynn Weatherby, were with us. Other pastors on the district were also with us. Brother Jack Gilbert and family, of Sulphur Springs, were also here.

We thank the Lord for our church and pastor, Brother O. L. Gates, and wife. They have been a blessing to us. Pray for our church and pray for my unsaved loved ones, also pray for my brother in the Army.—Mrs. F. M. Rowan, S. S. secretary, Sweetwater, Tex.

Stonefield, Miss., Y. P. E. and Sunday School Convention

The Church of God Sunday School and Y.P.E. convention of the Stonefield district convened at the Goodwill Church of God, of which Rev. M. L. Muse is pastor. Rev. E. L. Newton, district pastor, was in charge. Services began Saturday night, March 13, with God's blessings and a large crowd. All speakers were at their best during the convention.

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the message was brought by Rev. B. M. Woolwine, state evangelist, after which an offering was taken for the orphan children, which amounted to \$61. In the afternoon we had special singing and a testimony meeting, which was food to our souls. People left the convention with a greater zeal than ever before to do more for the Sunday School, Y.P.E., and orphan children.

Following the convention a revival began with the state evangelist doing the preaching. Pray that God will give many souls in this revival.—Convention reporter, Mrs. B. M. Woolwine.

Dallas District Convention

The Dallas district convened at the Dallas church on March 12-14. Good representations from the churches, Anna, Celina, Sherman, Ennis, and Dallas, were present. A goodly number of visitors and friends from off the district were also present to enjoy the good convention.

We were privileged to hear a number of good messages from the state overseer, Rev. T. W. Godwin, and the district overseer, Rev. J. C. Thompson. A number of other good speakers also appeared on the program.

We feel grateful-hearted and wish to express our appreciation to the Lord for the good mission offering of \$231 and an orphanage offering

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Bible Training School and College News



In Memory of Rev. W. A. Myers, M. D.

*Thy day has come, not gone;
Thy sun has risen, not set;
Thy life is now beyond
The reach of death, of change;
Not ended—but begun.
O noble soul! O gentle heart!
Hail and farewell!*

—W. J. Bryan.

ON Monday, March 1, 1943, at 9:15 a. m., Dr. Myers passed through the triumphal archway of death; passed from the limited metes and bounds of this little earth to take his place in the boundless affairs of the eternal universe. "For he hath prepared for them a city."

Dr. Myers was born in Illinois on July 11, 1871, but his family moved to Nebraska while he was still a little boy. They settled on the frontier, and according to Dr. Myers' stories, it was a part of his job to fight the Indians with his toy gun.

It was in this early settlement in Nebraska that Dr. Myers became extremely interested in medicine and surgery, and began his ministry to the sick and suffering. He always found a cure for the dog, the cat, the horse, or the cow that was stricken with a disease or severely wounded. When only nine years old, "little Willie" devised and administered a treatment for blood poison that has saved many lives since. His father, however, insisted that the farm afforded opportunities for a great future and Dr. Myers did not begin his study of medicine until he was married and had a home of his own. In his early thirties he entered the Lincoln Medical College. His children can still recall the long and countless hours he spent studying to equip himself to enter the profession he loved. After they were tucked into bed, the light in the living room burned on, and mother helped dad with the difficult lessons.

After graduation, Dr. Myers served as city physician in Lincoln, Nebraska, for a number of years, then opened a private hospital. During this time he also taught anatomy at the Lincoln Medical College. After doing graduate work in medicine at the Cook's County Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Myers opened a private hospital in Wyoming. It was here that he lost his right arm in an automobile accident. One cold, blizzardy night he went on a case miles and miles back in the mountains. The car skidded on the icy trail, went over the embank-



ment, and Dr. Myers was thrown against a boulder. The brave doctor's shoulder was crushed, but he climbed into the wrecked car, which, fortunately, was not completely demolished, and drove the eighty miles to his home. As soon as he had recovered sufficiently from the amputation, which was necessary, he returned to his hospital and continued the great work he had begun. A renewed zeal for living a life of service, and a grim determination to succeed took the place of the lost arm. Dr. Myers performed many serious operations after this misfortune befell him.

From Wyoming he moved to Florida where he operated a private hospital for eighteen years. But he became homesick for the West and went to New Mexico. He practiced medicine

there until his health failed him in the summer of 1941. He became interested in the Church of God at Hot Springs, New Mexico, and began to seek for the Holy Ghost. After seeking one and a half years for the blessing, he received that wonderful experience on November 10, 1939. He was ordained a minister in the Church of God shortly after receiving the Holy Ghost. In the autumn of 1941 he came to Sevierville with his daughter, Dora P. Myers, who was employed by the Bible Training School and College. Here Dr. Myers was happy, but not always contented. Though his physical strength had failed, within him surged the power to labor for mankind. But the influence of this great character on the youth with whom he was associated here will no doubt bring greater results than if he had spent the last two years of his life in actual service. For what greater gift can the aged offer youth than the powerful example of a beautiful life lived for others?

*"Some little grace, one kindly thought,
One aspiration yet unself,
one bit of courage;
For the darkening sky, one gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills
of life,*

*One glimpse of brighter skies beyond
the gathering mist,
To make this life worth while,
And heaven a surer heritage."*

Thus he served us, and when his recompense—well earned and well bestowed—is given, the achievements of his twilight years may yield returns as great as the labors which saved lives from dying or cured suffering bodies of dreadful diseases.

*"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
He has wandered into an unknown
land
And left us dreaming how very fair,
With a cheery smile and a wave of
the hand,*

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Requests For Prayer

Pray For

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

God to heal me of stomach and nervous trouble.—Miss Alta Johnson, Bessemer, Ala.

My daughter who is in the hospital to be healed and saved. — Minnie Adams, Nettleton, Ark.

Brother Mitchel Stanley, Bedford, Va., who is very sick.—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

The healing of my wife's body.—Pvt. George Cashwell, Med. Det., Gulfport Field, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Rhoda Hales, Rt. 1, Ranger, Ga.

The healing of my sister's body; her husband.—Mrs. Ida Bowling, Rt. 2, Summerville, Ga.

Me to be healed and saved.—Miss Georgia Rodriguez, 523 Church St., Baton Rouge, La.

The healing of my baby of cold or whooping cough; my father to be healed of high blood pressure; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Maggie Lochaby, Hiawassee, Ga.

Me to be healed of a pain in my left side.—Mrs. C. W. Garretson, Stephenson, W. Va.

My healing, I have nervous indigestion and can hardly be up all day; my four children.—Mrs. Ada Strickland, Rt. 1, St. Pauls, N. C.

My brother-in-law, Arthur Boles, who is in the hospital in Shreveport with a tumor on his spine; his little boy who was hit by a car and is in the Monroe hospital; the rest at home who are having measles.—Mrs. Maud Goodson, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

The healing of my daughter of eczema; my little granddaughter to be healed of tonsillitis. — Mrs. P. H. Walker, Box 112, Lumber City, Ga.

A friend who has been very ill with very high fever for three weeks to be healed and God to have His way with him.—Mrs. George Henderson, Box 224, Suisun, Calif.

The healing of my wife of a severe affliction.—Rev. Harold Moore, Huffman, Ark.

My baby who has a cyst growing in its eye.—Mrs. Carl Wilson, Gen. Del., Ft. Meade, Fla.

Me to be healed of an affliction in my body; very special unspoken request; healing of my father-in-law's body.—Mrs. John H. Murray, Poplarville, Miss.

My aunt to be healed of heart trouble and high blood pressure.—Cora Napier, Rt. 2, Crab Orchard, Ky.

Mrs. Ella Hartin to be healed of deafness, catarrh and other troubles.—Mrs. W. L. Shires, 601 Pershing, Ranger, Tex.

The healing of our ten-year-old son. He has been sick over a year and has had to have three blood transfusions. These last two weeks. The doctors have decided he has cancer of the bone. His right knee is swollen, ready to burst, also his elbows, ankles, wrists and jaws and he has growths behind both ears. Unless God undertakes he can't get well.—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodson, Santo, Tex.

Mrs. Maggie Probes who has had a nervous breakdown to be healed, she seems to be losing her mind.—Mrs. G. L. Francis, Jr., 720 S. Maxey St., Sherman, Tex.

The healing of my body, I have something like rheumatism.—Mrs. Katie L. Scott, Rt. 1, Box 45-A, Moorhead, Miss.

My daughter to be healed, she has been ill for some time.—S. Patterson, 729 Kumler Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

The complete healing of my body, D. V. I have a cancer and am very much in need of prayer.—Mrs. Albert G. Murr, Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, N. C.

The healing of my afflicted body, I am in a very nervous condition.—Mrs. Mary Griffith, Rt. 2, Hartselle, Ala.

Mrs. Florence Askew who has been in bed eight months to be healed.—Fannie Lee, Rt. 2, Box 204, Climax, Ga.

My father, H. B. Brown, to be healed. If God doesn't undertake, he won't be here long.—Gertie Carroll, Jena, La.

The healing of my body of a stroke, I haven't been able to use my limbs since.—Mrs. Dollie Hinson, 804 Oak St., Albemarle, N. C.

The Lord to heal me of a cancer.—George Cox, Fireco, W. Va.

My mother to be healed, D. V. She has a bad heart, also other ailments.—Willie Durr, Rt. 1, Box 99½, Brookhaven, Miss.

My mother and me to be healed of tuberculosis. — Hugh Canady, Ridge-wood T. B. Camp, Columbia, S. C.

The Lord to heal me of a sagged stomach, I also have a stomach trouble.—Mrs. Sallie B. McCall, Cashiers, N. C.

Mrs. Eva Novak who has been sick several months, to be healed; God to heal my body.—Mrs. Eudora Pearson, 601 Colton Ave., San Bernardino, Calif.

The healing of a friend, a log rolled off a truck and hit his back and it has paralyzed his limbs.—Mrs. Van McCullough.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble.—Mrs. Sarah Smith, Caryville, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body; a friend of mine who is very sick with fever.—Mrs. Nora Spell, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.

Dear friends, I am in the hospital and have been for six weeks, except three days. I am not a child of God but want to know more about God. My wife is praying and I am asking special prayer for me, also my people, my wife's people and the boys here in camp, they truly need prayer.—Pvt. James L. Hall, Station Hospital, Ward 7, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

The Lord to completely heal my back which was hurt nearly two years ago.—V. T. Cheers, 122-F Geo. Le-gaire, Navy Yard, S. C.

The healing of my afflicted body.—Mrs. J. T. Francisco, Rt. 1, Scottsburg, Va.

My cousin who is in the army hospital to be healed and saved; two of my aunts to be healed; the healing of my body, I have had an operation but it didn't seem to do any good.—Evah Brock, Brockdell, Tenn.

The healing of my body and head. I suffer with epilepsy and weak heart.—Mrs. Bertha Mims, 1003 Music St., New Orleans, La.

Me and my loved ones; the healing of my ear; my daughter's hands to be healed; two unspoken requests.—Elizabeth Hickman, Rt. 5, Kingsport, Tenn.

The healing of my dear father who is very low with pneumonia; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Pearl Mc-Intyre, Thomasville, Ala.

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REPORTS



Enoree Church Free of Debt

Rev. J. W. Clevenger and his good wife and family have resided at Enoree, S. C., for the past twenty-five years. In the Assembly year of 1939 Brother Clevenger was assigned to pastor the church at Switzer, S. C. This church had its Sunday service in the afternoon. This gave Brother Clevenger a chance to preach at Enoree on Sunday nights. He began to preach in one room of his home. People began to get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and interested in organizing a Church of God. On the night of March 19, 1939, the church was set in order with thirteen members. Brother Clevenger pastored the Enoree and Switzer churches until the Assembly. Then he was assigned to the Enoree church where he has remained ever since.

This church has grown by leaps and bounds until it now stands with seventy-one members. On March 1,

1940, Brother Clevenger's home burned while he was attending the district convention in Spartanburg. The next day our good state overseer, Rev. J. D. Bright, sent a tent here for the people to worship in. We put it up and Brother Clevenger started a revival, during which we gained thirteen members.

One afternoon a wind storm tore the tent up, so then we bought a lot and work was begun on a church building. Soon the building was completed and Brother Clevenger preached the first sermon in the church on June 23, 1940.

Since the last Assembly we have paid approximately \$1,000 on the church.

On Sunday night of Dec. 13, 1942, Brother McIntyre, our good state overseer, came to visit us and we burned the notes on the church, leaving it completely free from all indebtedness.—Robert Edwards, clerk.

A Hard Place But God Is Blessing

We have a good little church here at Freeburn, Ky., some of the best of people here, and God surely does bless our souls. We want everyone to pray for us and come be with us. If any preacher feels led to come this way, write to me. We need a good evangelist who can sing well and play music. This is a hard place; there are so many different kinds of doctrines here, but we hold up the Church of God and try to make it a standard for all others and it is shining out to the other movements as a beacon light.

We are in a revival now with Evangelist George Carr. The Lord is bless-

ing in every service and there are several at the altar. Pray for our success and that many souls will be saved. This is a needy place.—Sam Holcomb, Box 3, Freeburn, Ky.

Attended District Convention

I have just returned to my camp from the annual district convention of the Church of God at Middlesboro, Ky. Our good state overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan, was there and did some real good preaching. Many other good ministers were there also. The attendance was good, the house was full almost every service. Brethren, I am surely glad I got to be at this

wonderful convention. I believe it was one of the best district conventions I have ever been in since I have been a Christian and a member of the Church of God at Middlesboro. Rev. W. B. Webb is my pastor. Rev. "Happy" Tom Brooks was there and preached a wonderful sermon. I will just say to all who were not there, you just missed hearing a wonderful sermon and a lot of good singing, and on Sunday you missed that good mission offering. I believe it was the best in the state this year. Fonde led in the offering.

Say, you big churches are surely going to have to work if you beat Fonde, Ky. Go on, Fonde, and do your best for the Lord. You are just a little church over there in the hills but you have a real good pastor and I believe he is doing his best for the church over there. Do your best and help your good pastor all you can, for you know that good pastors are hard to get. I believe Brother Happy Tom Brooks is one among the best of our preachers in Kentucky.

Please don't forget to pray for me as I am in the Army and need the prayers of every child of God.—Pvt. Jessie L. Sturdivant, A.S.N., 35663973, Co. C., 92nd Med. Bn., Gas Treatment, Camp Butner, N. C.

REVIVALS

FORT WALTON, Fla.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting here. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way. This is a new place. We have also organized a quartet. Pray for these young people and the work here. We also expect to get a Y.P.E. started. A school teacher here, Sister Armstrong, who also teaches Sunday School in the Methodist church here and says she is saved and sanctified, has been faithful every night and going to help us out. Pray God will give her the gift of the Holy Ghost and the light on the Bible government.

Sister Mattie Huguley ran this meeting and did some good old time preaching. Pray for me and my family that they will be saved.—Sister Exa Kelsoe.

CLINTON, Ill.—I am happy to say the Lord blessed us here with a good revival. A number were saved, one received the blessing of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Brother O. C. Ballard, of Iowa, did the preaching. We enjoyed the presence of God and the good preaching of Brother Ballard.

We have been having some wonderful services here in church, also in the homes. We have some very fine folks here at Clinton, of whom we are proud. God is blessing us in every department of the church and we are enjoying our being here with the dear people at Clinton and working with them. We can see so much to do and so much that needs to be done. Dear ministers and laity, if ever we needed

to stick to our post and work, it is this day we are living in.—G. L. Berry, pastor, 722 E. Woodlawn.

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SNEEDVILLE, Tenn.—Our meeting at Anthony Chapel was conducted by our pastor and our district pastor, Rev. Baxter Bryant. Ten were reclaimed and saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost.—Charlie C. Smith, pastor.

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LEAKSVILLE, Miss.—We are glad to report a wonderful revival just closed at the Church of God here with Rev. Wilburn Roberts, his wife and sister in charge. God wonderfully blessed in every service. There were many hungry seekers drawn to the altar by the power under which Brother Roberts preached the Word of God. Ten seekers were in the altar at one service and eight of them testified to receiving definite blessings from God. I do not know how many experiences were received but there was a goodly number. Brother Roberts' sister is a wonderful worker among young people.—Pastor, Jett Breland.

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CHOKOLOSKEE, Fla.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival here with Brother Grady Pipkins as our evangelist. We shouted and praised the Lord in every service. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is love and unity. Souls fell in the altar crying and praying to the Lord.

Twenty were saved, fifteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. The report is that we had the most wonderful revival here since Pentecost was first preached. We thank the Lord for the way He blessed us here. We thank and praise Him for sending Brother Pipkins here; he did a wonderful work. He is a real man of God; he preached clean, true doctrine and souls were stirred. We feel sure he and his wife will be a blessing to the Church wherever they may go. We all learned to love them and hated to see them go. The last night of the revival the house was filled and the altar was full of souls crying and praying. We truly thank the Lord for our good pastor and wife; we have one of the best pastors any church can have.

I praise the Lord for the way He healed my body in this revival. I was sick in body for some time and the doctors failed to help me very much, but when our Divine Healer came on the scene He wonderfully did the work and I feel I can never thank and praise Him enough. He is so merciful to us if we only will trust and serve Him.—Edna Revis.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. — We praise the Lord for a three weeks' revival that came to a close at the Church of God at Jefferson City Sunday night, March 7, in which twenty

were saved, seven sanctified and the church wonderfully encouraged. Rev. Luther Turner, of Dayton, Tennessee, was the evangelist. Brother Turner did some wonderful preaching and we certainly appreciated having him with us.

We are getting along fine here at Jefferson City.—R. L. Sifford, pastor.

Spared Many Times

SEMINOLE, Okla.—Dear friends, I was one time fast in sin and did not know the worth of God's love and made fun of God's people who were doing the right thing for God, but in 1933 I found God and He saved my soul from sin. I was happy for about six months or longer, then Satan came along and won my soul again. Oh, but I was a miserable human. I was sick for about four weeks, could hardly go. My husband was down in bed sick. He was not able to work so I had to make a living for my family. Then at the same time my mother passed away, leaving me brokenhearted; but I could pray. Then after my husband got better and I got over mother's passing, my baby girl about three years old was stricken with pneumonia. It looked like every breath would be the last. I saw that God was going to take her away. The doctor said there was nothing he could do so I had to do something. I got down on my knees and began to call on God to heal her little body, if it was His will, and I would live for Him. He heard and answered my prayer but after He healed her body I went right on living in sin. I didn't do what I promised to do, so one day in 1937 after my baby girl was five years old she was stricken again with pneumonia. There I was again in the same fix. I remembered what I promised the Lord. I called the doctor and he said he couldn't do her any good for she was too near gone, but I knew that God had healed her once before, so I called in the saints and we began to pray. I called on God and promised Him if He would spare her life I would live for Him. He did and after the Lord healed her little body I went right on in sin living for Satan. I was still trying to work and make a living for my little family.

One day while on the job a pain struck me in my right lung and I began to think it would never ease, but I worked on until five o'clock. I went home, did my work up and prepared supper for my family, then I went to bed. They called a doctor and he said I had pneumonia. I didn't know there was a soul around me. My throat swelled up and it looked like the mumps but I knew what it was. God was dealing. I got over the pneumonia but my jaws and throat were still in a bad shape. My neighbor asked me to go to church with her and I decided to go. The people prayed for me but I got no better. One night I

was suffering terrible pains and I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would live for Him, but the Lord said, "Remember thy promises before. Why not make your words good this time or I shall take you out in eternity without hope," so I gave my heart to God without delay. I began to go to church and was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost which abides in my soul today, but since I have gotten salvation I do praise the Lord for all suffering that I now have to endure. I have suffered much lately.

Summer before last I had a bad spell and our good pastor, Brother Cooper, and the saints began to call on God and He spared my life. Brother and Sister Cooper did all they could do. Last winter I had another spell and the saints began to call on God and He spared my life again. So this last October 12 I was stricken again. My side swelled. The saints prayed again but didn't get anywhere. Our good pastor, Brother Albert Smith, said he had delivered his soul so I was taken to the hospital and was operated on but Brother Smith held on to God for me. I came out just fine but I was ready to go. I told the Lord I was willing to go but the Lord knew I was needed at home with my crippled husband and children so He extended my life a while longer. I surely praise God for all He means to me.

My husband is sick now, expecting the Lord to take him away any time, so help me pray that the Lord will have His own will in his life. I know the Lord can save and heal. Also pray for my father, J. O. Studdard, who lives in Arkansas. He had a stroke of paralysis in his left side. Pray that he will get well. He says he is ready to go. Praise the Lord for everything. Pray for my brother who is sick in body. I know the Lord is able to save his soul. Pray for my sisters and their families that they will get saved before it is too late. Brother Smith and his wife are so sweet in the Lord's work. I surely love them. Brother Smith is never idle. When he is called to pray for anyone he is always ready, so were Brother Cooper and Brother Collins, but we must pray for Brother Smith for he is our pastor now and he needs our prayers. He stood by me and my family while I was in the hospital. Pray for our little Church of God here in Seminole.—Sister Ruth Smith, 1105 N. University St.

Dallas District Convention

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of \$150.

The Stamps Quartet, along with a number of other good singers and musicians, helped to make the convention a success. We feel that the entire district has been blessed by this convention.—Lola Mae Roberson, 3021 Knight St., Dallas, Tex.

NOTICES

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Changes of Address of Ministers and Workers

H. G. Mushegan—Rt. 9, Box 427-E, Phoenix, Ariz.

V. B. Rains, overseer of New Mexico—500 S. Michigan St., Roswell, N. Mex., Box 1206, Phone 1259-R.

E. O. Kerce, overseer of Illinois—138 W. Webster, Benton, Ill.

Merrill E. Eve—Old: 506 O. St. New: 3201 6th Ave., Sacramento, Calif.

G. W. Lane—overseer of New Jersey—Box 293, Penns Grove, N. J.

Sister Pauline Jackson has been called away to meet the Lord, but I will continue in the evangelistic work, filling all the calls I can. I am at present in a revival at Shelby, N. C. The Lord is wonderfully blessing. Several were blessed the first week.—Yours for lost souls, Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga. (home address)

If you have friends or loved ones living in New Castle, Ind., working on defense or otherwise, if you will write and give me their address I will be glad to go to see them and try to get them to go to church.—Richard Lovan, pastor, 1327 N. Ave., New Castle, Ind.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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My brother to be healed of heart trouble, he is in a serious condition and is unsaved; D. A. Risner and his wife to be healed and saved, he had a stroke.—Sister Mary Shaw, Zolfo Springs, Fla.

A dear brother in the army, he is a loyal member of the Church of God and really needs prayer. He is in prison.—Mrs. Jessie Mae Rose, Blooming Rose, W. Va.

The healing of my husband of headache which he has almost all the time, he is in the army; us to be saved.—Mrs. Ray Smith, 508 Azele St., Tampa, Fla.

God to heal me of what some think is a cancer, I have been sick and so weak for about five months; my head and nerves; my loved ones who are sick to be healed.—A sister in Christ, Troy, Tenn.

The healing of my neighbor's children of whooping cough, the baby is only six months old and it almost chokes to death. Without the help of God it can never get well.—Mrs. Henry Spence, 251 Offutt St., Cumberland, Md.

The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. O. B. Griffith, Rt. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

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resort towns of the Caucasus, prior to the German retreat from the city, it is reported in the Soviet press. More than 1,000 of the victims were machine-gunned near a slaughter house in the city, while 2,000 were executed near a glass factory, three kilometers from Kislovodsk.

Describing the raids on Jewish houses in Kislovodsk, the Russian press reveals that a number of Jewish families committed suicide by slashing their veins in order to avoid seizure by the Nazis. Among them were several Jewish doctors from the Kislovodsk sanatorium, one of the most famous medical institutions in Russia.—*Calif. Jewish Voice*.

The things done today, if done right, will be out of the road of the work of tomorrow and will contribute to the success of both days.

LIVING LETTERS

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Him. It carries a great message. The presence of charity, holiness and spirituality, proves these letters to be authentic. Were they forgeries, these elements would be missing.

Once a college professor told his experience of conversion to his class. The story of his meanderings through the fields of science, the labyrinths of doubt, the fog of agnosticism, was long and tedious, and evinced the fact that the process had been difficult and dangerous, and that while one may safely follow the route, "through science to God," many will make shipwreck in the fog before they find Him on this route. The professor had required approximately two hours to relate his experience. Then a young man requested the privilege of telling his experience. "No," protested the professor, "see how long it has taken me." "I can tell it in one sentence," insisted the boy, "I discovered

STATE CONVENTIONS

Date	State	Place
April 2-4	Arizona	Phoenix, Ariz.
April 9-11	California, Nevada	Corona, Calif.
April 16-18	Washington, Oregon, Idaho	Yakima, Wash.
April 22-25	Montana	Lewistown
April 30-May 2	Illinois	Benton
May 7-9	Central Canada	
May 14-16	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
May 16-23	Colored Assembly	Jacksonville, Fla.
May 21-23	New Jersey	Millville, N. J.
May 21-23	Minnesota, Wisconsin	Minneapolis, Minn.
May 28-30	District of Columbia	D. C.
May 28-30	Wyoming	Sheridan
May 28-30	Louisiana	West Monroe
June 4-6	Colorado, Utah	
June 4-6	Tennessee	Cleveland
June 4-6	Virginia	Pulaski
June 11-13	New Mexico	
June 9-13	Florida	Wimauma
June 18-20	North Carolina	Kannapolis
June 18-20	Indiana	Shelburn
June 25-27	Iowa	
June 25-27	Alabama	
June 25-27	Ohio	
July 2-4	North Dakota, South Dakota	Minot, North Dakota
July 2-4	South Carolina	Greenville
July 2-4	Kansas, Nebraska	Pittsburg, Kans.
July 9-11	Michigan	Pontiac
July 9-11	West Virginia	Beckley
July 9-11	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Okla.
July 16-18	Pennsylvania	Somerset, Pa.
July 16-18	Missouri	
July 16-18	Texas	Weatherford
July 23-25	Maine, Mass., Conn., N. H., Vt., R. I.	Appleton, Maine
July 23-25	Georgia	Atlanta
July 23-25	Mississippi	
July 30-August 1	Maryland, Delaware	
July 30-August 1	Kentucky	Somerset
July 30-August 1	Arkansas	Marked Tree

READERS

Most of us who will read these lines are acquainted with the New Testament epistles and the gospel as presented by the evangelists—the gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but, in the language of a poet, "What is the gospel according to you?"

AN INFLUENTIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is said that the eye is the gateway to the soul. If so, what we see will influence for good or bad. So it can be possible that our Sunday School will yield out such an influence by our work and conduct until these near neighbors will say, "Come, let us go over, they are having a good time." Through right care and training children and grownups can be made ideal Christians and workers through the school. The teacher has a high calling which equals that of a pastor or minister. His place and calling should make him very patient and prayerful, many times force a smile perhaps, but when he remembers he is helping mold a character that shapes the destiny of a soul, making better Christians, better homes, better communities, generations, nations, he can afford to smile. Many more diamonds are in the rough to go

—James Whitcomb Riley.

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